



# 2021 CABERNET MALBEC BLEND

*Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County*

## A HARMONIOUS RED BLEND

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage was one of low yields and exceptional quality. Though faced with severe drought conditions, our intimate knowledge of the estate (and advanced soil-monitoring) allowed us to coax the vines into yielding a small but concentrated crop across all varieties. The summer was wonderfully uneventful. Harvest began in early September and continued until mid-October when a torrential rainstorm brought it to a decisive close. The year may have offered a lack of rain and moisture but there was no shortage of quality, producing beautiful wines of richness and depth.

### VINEYARD INFORMATION

Eight miles north of San Pablo Bay, the Bundschu family's 160+ year-old vineyard wraps around the southwest slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains. The terrain features steep, southwest-facing hillsides of shallow, rocky soils of volcanic ash and alluvial wash. Pervasive maritime breezes and long daylight exposure allow fruit to develop intense concentration while retaining vibrant structure. A portion is sourced from warmer vineyard sites in Sonoma Valley to add lushness to the mid-palate.

### TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet Malbec blend is a true symphony of flavors, with the richness of Cabernet Sauvignon blending harmoniously with the boldness of Malbec. On the nose, it presents a bouquet of dark berries interwoven with notes of mountain sage and cocoa.

On the palate, it has a dry, grippy mouthfeel, showcasing flavors of blackberry with a touch of spice. The finish is rich and elegant, with the dark fruit flavors lingering on the palate, along with a hint of dark-chocolate covered espresso beans.

#### COMPOSITION

93% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
7% Malbec

#### WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested in the cool morning, twice daily pump-overs, indigenous malolactic fermentation, racked twice prior to blending and bottling

#### ALC / PH / ACID

Alc: 14.5%  
pH: 3.75  
TA: 6 g/L

#### COOPERAGE

18 months  
100% French, 35%  
new

#### PRODUCTION

1,029 cases

#### PRICE

\$40.00